

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA URGING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO REFER TO THE BEEF INDUSTRY IN  
6 THIS COUNTRY AS THE UNITED STATES BEEF INDUSTRY AND TO REFRAIN FROM REFERRING TO IT  
7 AS THE NORTH AMERICAN BEEF INDUSTRY.

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9 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture refers to the beef industry in this country as the North  
10 American beef industry rather than the United States beef industry; and

11 WHEREAS, it is important that the United States beef industry maintain its identity, even as the  
12 marketplace becomes one of more global proportions; and

13 WHEREAS, because of the unique features of the Canadian and Mexican beef industries that allow  
14 them to complement the United States beef industry in a balanced trade relationship, it is more accurate and  
15 respectful to differentiate the United States beef industry from the beef industries of our neighbors to the north  
16 and south; and

17 WHEREAS, at a time when serious livestock diseases such as bovine spongiform encephalopathy  
18 (BSE) and tuberculosis affect this country's trading partners, United States consumers deserve to know that the  
19 laws their producers observe and abide by are not diluted and that the integrity of the United States beef industry  
20 is being maintained.

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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
23 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

24 (1) That the U.S. Department of Agriculture be urged to refer to the beef industry in this country as the  
25 United States beef industry and to refrain from referring to it as the North American beef industry.

26 (2) That copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the U.S.  
27 Department of Agriculture and to the members of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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